Title: Need to protect and renovate Brindaban Chandra and Radha Damodar temples in district Bankura, West Bengal.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Sir, I urge upon the Union Government for the protection and renovation of Brindaban Chandra and Radha Damodar temples in village and P.O. Bon-Birsingha, under patrasayer P.S. in the district of Bankura.

The local authorities including Panchayats of Bankura District in West Bengal, have given their consent and urged Superintending Archaeologist, Kolkata Circle five years ago (vide letter NO. 101/2001 dt.25/05/2001) to do the needful. They had also drawn the attention of Hon'ble Minister of Culture and Information and Broadcasting, Government of India in this regard a number of times. Further, "No Objection Certificates" as well as consent letters from the present owners of the Temples have also been submitted. It is understood that the proposal fulfills the requirement for ASI protection, in every respect.

The people of Bankura district as a whole and especially the people of village and P.O. Bon-Birshingha, under patrasayer P.S. of Bankura district are concerned to find that no steps have been taken till date, causing grave resentment among the local people.

Further, a Museum of ancient manuscripts (Punthisala) which was set up in 1920 and presently being run by private initiative of "Centre for Study and Documentation of RARH Culture" in Vadul village of Bankura district of West Bengal also needs the attention of the Central Government. The Museum is frequently visited by eminent researchers and scholars from various Indian Universities as well as from abroad for research and documentation. So, I urge upon the Government to provide Central assistance for the preservation of three to four hundred years old, invaluable hand written manuscripts in Sanskrit, Bengali and Vaishnav literature kept in the Museum.